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## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
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## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WHO Infection control guidelines for transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, March 2000, especially pages 8, 10 and 13.	1-20
Y	TAYLOR et al. Inactivation of the bovine spongiform encephalopathy agent by rendering procedures. The Veterinary Record, 09 December 1995, pages 605-610.	1-20
Y	MEYER et al. Detection of bovine spongiform encephalopathy-specific PrPSC by treatment with heat and guanidine thiocyanate. Journal of Virology, November 1999, Vol. 73, No. 11, pages 9386-9392.	1-33
Y	PROWESE et al. Preliminary assessment of whole blood, red cell and platelet-leucodepleting filters for possible induction of prion release by leucocyte fragmentation during room temperature processing. British Journal of Haematology, 1999, pages 240-247.	1-33
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